



# **EurOMA Elections 2023**

## **Statements by Candidates**

### **Board Positions**



**Omid Maghazei**

Postdoc and Lecturer

Chair of Production and Operations Management (POM), ETH Zurich, Switzerland

**Brief biography**

I am a postdoc and lecturer at the Chair of Production and Operations Management (POM) at the Department of Management, Technology, and Economics (D-MTEC) at ETH Zurich, Switzerland. I completed my doctoral study empirically researching drones in manufacturing industries. I studied in Iran (B.Sc.), Italy (M.Sc.) and during my doctoral studies, I conducted my research visit at the University of Bath School of Management, the UK. My research mainly focuses on the management of emerging technologies in manufacturing environments. I have recently published a paper in Journal of Operations Management entitled "Emerging technologies and the use case: A multi-year study of drone adoption" co-authored by Torbjørn Netland and Michael Lewis. To date, I have supervised 24 master thesis projects and am the second advisor of two doctoral candidates at ETH Zurich. I have been also reviewing for journals such as International Journal of Operations and Production Management and Journal of Manufacturing Technology Management.

**Motivation/potential contribution**

I have attended six EurOMA conferences so far as well as EurOMA Doctoral Seminar, Summer School, Publishing Workshop, and Early Career Workshop. I have learned and developed my career from the inputs I received from the EurOMA community, and I believe I can contribute to the ongoing activities in EurOMA as well as bringing new ideas to further expand EurOMA's offerings. It is an honor to serve such a community that builds upon years of its past members' vast experience and dedication, which has provided me and many other young researchers inspirations to grow, improve, and leave a positive mark.

First, I would like to be the voice and represent operations and supply chain management young scholars' needs and new ideas in the EurOMA board. Second, I would like to strengthen EurOMA's community role in enhancing emerging technology management scholarship and encouraging multidisciplinary research approaches. Third, I would like to contribute to the organization of EurOMA conferences and summer schools, for instance, by offering a new workshop for early-year doctoral students to enhance the theorizing process in operations management research. Fourth, I would like to enhance EurOMA's outreach and presence in the social media such as in Twitter, LinkedIn, and YouTube.



**Elcio Mendonça Tachizawa**  
Associate Professor  
Polytechnic University of Madrid

### **Brief Biography**

My name is Elcio Mendonça Tachizawa. I am currently an Associate Professor at the Polytechnic University of Madrid. Being born in Brazil, I have developed most of my academic career in Spain, where I established a solid record of scientific publications in top-tier journals in the field of Supply Chain Management (IJOPM, JSCM, JPSM, IJPR, IJPE, SCMIJ). Also, I earned several research in teaching awards in the OM field (e.g. "Nigel Slack" Teaching Innovation Award (EurOMA), Emerald Literati Network Awards for Excellence "Outstanding paper", Emerald Literati Network Awards for Excellence "Highly commended paper" (Emerald Publishing), "Premio CEL Universidad" (Spanish Logistics Association).

### **Motivation/potential contribution**

The contribution I would hope to make to EurOMA if elected is to focus on teaching innovation. I believe this area has an immense growth potential for EurOMA. Since the last pandemic, there has been a radical, disruptive change in the area of Education, with new challenges and new players in the field of higher education (e.g. Amazon Web Services, Khan Academy, LinkedIn Learning, etc) and new technologies (e.g. MOOC, ChatGPT). However, rather than taking this a threat, and I believe we as academics have to take this as a huge opportunity to reinvent our teaching methodologies and adapt ourselves to this new challenging scenario. I am confident I could contribute to EurOMA significantly in this crucial area, with new teaching methodologies such as micro case studies, gamification, AI, virtual reality, hybrid classrooms. I believe such efforts are key for assuring the survival of the OM academic profession in the future.

The main reason I wish to stand for election is to give back some of the opportunities of growth proportioned by EurOMA that have been crucial in the development of my academic career. I have presented my research in several editions of EurOMA conference since 2005 (in the early years of my PhD program), participated in the scientific committee to the EurOMA conference, Young Scholars workshop, chaired sessions, etc. Therefore, I am able to recognize the importance of the association for each of the stages in the academic career of EurOMA members and their respective needs.



### **Aline Seepma**

Assistant Professor at Department of Operations  
Faculty of Economics and Business, University of Groningen

#### **Brief Biography**

I am an Assistant Professor at the Department of Operations, Faculty of Economics and Business, University of Groningen. I completed my PhD on 'Just Integrating or Integrating Justice' in 2020. I happily commit to teaching courses in the MSc. Supply Chain Management, including Case Study Research and Purchasing. Additionally, I supervise MSc. thesis students on projects related to my research, which explores supply chain management thinking in the public domain.

I am passionate about my current research on justice, youth care and debt counselling supply chains. These chains deliver services with good intentions. Still, citizens continuously experience long waiting times, scarce availability of resources, and increased throughput times. I intend to generate insights, principles, and methods for supply chains that have a public aim, with the goal of boosting the understanding of public service supply chains and diminishing challenges for public organizations, alleviating burdens for citizens and society.

My work has been published in several journals, including the Journal of Supply Chain Management, Supply Chain Management: an International Journal, and Journal of Strategic Information Systems. I received appreciation for my work, e.g., through the 2020 Best PhD Thesis Award (FEB, UoG) and 2021 JSCM Best Paper Award. In addition, I am an editorial reviewer for the Journal of Supply Chain Management as a member of the reviewer development program.

#### **Motivation/ Potential Contribution**

The first EurOMA conference that I attended was in 2014 and ever since I joined the conference yearly with great excitement. The doctoral seminars and publishing workshops, combined with the recognition of my work (2015 Best Student Paper Award) were very valuable as part of my personal development towards the scholar that I am now. I happily contributed to the EurOMA conferences across the years via chairing sessions and organizing a special track. I made many valuable connections, made friends and started research projects. I am excited to be part of EurOMA's warm and welcoming community and I wish such outcomes for all (new) members. I am thrilled at the prospect of increasing my contribution as a member of the board. I am eager to (1) support community building related activities that promote learning and networking and potentially result in new research opportunities; (2) support organizing activities that foster both scientific and societal impact; (3) establishing research activities/fora that focus on new or neglected contexts, e.g., settings that increasingly must choose societal impact over costs members in continue developing and nurturing the association by supporting the organization of research related events, contributing to their diffusion and communication as well as promoting new initiatives related, for instance, to teaching operations.



**Kostas Selviaridis**

Associate Professor of Operations Management at the Department of Management Science,  
Lancaster University Management School

**Brief biography**

I am employed as Associate Professor of Operations Management at the Department of Management Science, Lancaster University Management School. I have been an active member of EurOMA since 2005, when I first joined the Association during my doctoral studies. My research has contributed towards a better understanding of inter-organisational contracting in supply chains and influenced decision-making in practitioner and policy circles alike. My current research focusses on public contracting and its role in promoting innovation, resilience and sustainability goals in supply chains. My work has been recognised internationally and attracted funding from various sources in the UK and elsewhere. I have taught OM courses at all levels, and in multiple countries including Sweden, Greece, France and the UK.

**Motivation/Potential Contribution**

I am delighted with the prospect of joining the EurOMA Board 2023-2026. I wish to stand for election for two reasons. First, I strongly feel the need to give back to our wonderful community and to the Association after many years of benefiting from my participation in Annual conferences and other EurOMA activities (e.g. the EurOMA Young Scholars workshops and the EurOMA Doctoral Seminars). Second, I wish to help shape the next generation of OM scholars, building on the collective success and professional ethos of our Association. My participation in the EurOMA Board provides an excellent opportunity to realise this personal vision.

If elected to the Board, I would be particularly interested to explore, in collaboration with other Board members and colleagues, the potential development of new research initiatives and fora. These would bring together a critical mass of both early-career and experienced OM scholars interested in tackling some the “grand challenges” facing our economies and societies, as reflected also by the United Nations’ Sustainable Development Goals. Such initiatives would be modelled on the success of existing groups such as the EurOMA Sustainability Forum. I would also like to contribute to the professional development of early-career OM scholars by initiating training and networking activities, and to further strengthen diversity and inclusivity within our scholarly community.

I am excited with the prospect of serving the Association and making a positive impact. It would be an honour to be given the opportunity to do so!



**Evelyne Vanpoucke**

Associate Professor

Solvay Brussels School of Economics and Management

### **Brief Biography**

I am an Associate Professor of Operations and Supply Chain Management at Solvay Brussels School of Economics and Management, Université Libre de Bruxelles (ULB), Belgium. I received my PhD from Ghent University (Belgium) and was previously a faculty member at Maastricht University (the Netherlands). My research interests focus on supply chain integration, supply chain resilience and sustainable supply chain management. My research has been published in outlets including the Journal of Operations Management, International Journal of Operations and Production Management, Journal of Supply Chain Management and Decision Sciences. I am currently also an Associate Editor of the International Journal of Operations and Production Management. I am also the Academic Director of the Master in Management Science at Solvay Brussels School, welcoming and supporting each year around 300 students from all over the world. I have served on the EurOMA board from 2020 to 2023, participating in the strategic initiatives team and the conferences organizing team.

### **Motivation / Potential Contribution**

I have attended a lot of EurOMA conferences since my first EUROMA conference at Strathclyde in 2006 as a starting PhD student. Every year it is a pleasure to meet so many colleagues, enabling me to build a network and to set up new research collaborations. Over the years, I participated in a lot of EurOMA activities such as the Young scholar workshop and the Publishing workshop. Since a few years, I am proud to be a faculty member in the doctoral seminar of EurOMA, as I really enjoy having in-depth research discussions with our young researchers. EUROMA is an inspiring research network for me. It helps me to build a network of researchers with whom I collaborate, it inspires me to conduct new research and to stay up to date in the field of operations management. As a beneficiary of all these EUROMA services, I feel it is also important to actively contribute to the association. As such, I am standing for re-election for a second term on the board. I would like to continue my contribution by stimulating further activities such as the Doctoral Seminars, the Young Scholars workshop and the Journal Publishing Workshops. In the last year, I served the board by helping to further professionalize the organization of our conferences, by supporting the local organizing teams. In addition, I would like to explore, together with the other board members, opportunities for launching new initiatives that could complement our current portfolio of initiatives.